

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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**The UK Parliament has been dissolved, and will not meet again until after the General Election that will take place on 8 June. Parliamentary questions that have not already been answered will not now receive any response. The Speaker will be elected on 13 June, after which new MPs will be sworn in, and the State Opening of Parliament will take place on 19 June.**

## Immigration and Asylum

### Scottish Parliament Debate

**Destitution (Asylum and Immigration)**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10978&i=100349#ScotParlOR>

### Press Releases

**Human trafficking**

<https://news.gov.scot/news/human-trafficking>

**Asylum: MEPs tighten internal security and improve safety for refugee children**  
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20170529IPR76259/asylum-meps-tighten-internal-security-and-improve-safety-for-refugee-children>

**Rules for administrative detention of migrants the focus of OSCE/ODIHR, Council of Europe consultation meeting with National Preventive Mechanism representatives in Strasbourg**  
<http://www.osce.org/odihr/321156>

## News

**UK visa service to charge £5.48 to send them a single email from overseas**  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/uk-visa-tourists-charges-fees-email-overseas-cost-home-office-sitel-uk-a7763776.html>

**UK wrong to deny residency rights in test case, EU's legal adviser says**  
<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/may/30/uk-wrong-to-deny-residency-rights-in-test-case-eu-judge-says>

**Britain was wrong to block migrant, says Euro judge**  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-05-31/news/britain-was-wrong-to-block-migrant-says-euro-judge-xc0hfbzv9>

**Unknown number of destitute asylum seekers**  
[http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/columnists/15314792.Stephen\\_Naysmith\\_Unkown\\_number\\_of\\_destitute\\_asylum\\_seekers/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/columnists/15314792.Stephen_Naysmith_Unkown_number_of_destitute_asylum_seekers/)

**Asylum seekers are left destitute by problems with prepaid card scheme**  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-05-31/scotland/asylum-seekers-are-left-destitute-by-problems-with-prepaid-card-scheme-x57ckl7n9>

**'No guarantee of even £5 for asylum seekers'**  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-05-31/scotland/no-guarantee-of-even-5-for-asylum-seekers-mdf8lqlpk>

**The government is trying to starve refugees out of the UK. It doesn't work**  
<https://www.theguardian.com/voluntary-sector-network/2017/may/31/government-starve-refugees-out-of-uk-poverty>

**Brexit: EU nationals seeking British citizenship more than triples in past year, new figures show**  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/brexit-latest-eu-applicants-nationals-british-citizenship-more-than-triple-past-year-european-union-a7767031.html>

**Event to examine issues affecting Scotland's Polish community**  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-40062933>

**Ministers unveil new strategy to crack down on human trafficking**  
[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15316948.Ministers\\_unveil\\_new\\_strategy\\_to\\_crack\\_down\\_on\\_human\\_trafficking/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15316948.Ministers_unveil_new_strategy_to_crack_down_on_human_trafficking/)

**General Election 2017: The EU citizens in the UK who can't vote**  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-39890716>

## **Romanian nurse suspended for failing to understand English**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/06/02/romanian-nurse-suspended-failing-understand-english/>

## **Bank accused of 'promoting discrimination' after it advises employers to profile migrants before Brexit**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15326947.Bank\\_accused\\_of\\_promoting\\_discrimination\\_after\\_it\\_advises\\_employers\\_to\\_profile\\_migrants\\_before\\_Brexit/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15326947.Bank_accused_of_promoting_discrimination_after_it_advises_employers_to_profile_migrants_before_Brexit/)

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## **Community Relations**

### **News**

#### **The face veil is not British and the Muslim community should 'lead the charge' against it, says Baroness Warsi**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/29/face-veil-not-british-muslim-community-should-lead-charge-against/>

#### **Muslims should help full face veil disappear from UK within 20 years, says Baroness Warsi**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/muslims-full-face-veil-disappear-uk-20-years-baroness-warsi-islam-britain-niqab-a7763076.html>

#### **Warsi calls on Muslims to see off the full face veil**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-05-30/news/warsi-calls-on-muslims-to-see-off-the-full-face-veil-tbq25ndjp>

#### **Why I'm no longer talking to white people about race**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/may/30/why-im-no-longer-talking-to-white-people-about-race>

#### **Al-Britannia, My Country by James Fergusson review – a compelling survey of British Islam**

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/jun/01/al-britannia-my-country-james-fergusson-review-british-islam-minority-population>

#### **Books: Al-Britannia, My Country — A Journey Through Muslim Britain by James Fergusson**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/books-al-britannia-my-country-a-journey-through-muslim-britain-by-james-fergusson-mprw2g5rs>

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## **Equality**

### **New Publications**

#### **Equality Act 2010 Handbook for advisors (updated)**

[https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/equality\\_act\\_2010\\_handbook\\_for\\_advisorsweb.pdf](https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/equality_act_2010_handbook_for_advisorsweb.pdf)

## Insecure work and Ethnicity

[https://www.tuc.org.uk/sites/default/files/Insecure%20work%20and%20ethnicity\\_0.pdf](https://www.tuc.org.uk/sites/default/files/Insecure%20work%20and%20ethnicity_0.pdf)

## News

### **BAME workers over a third more likely to be in insecure work, finds TUC**

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/equality-issues/black-workers/labour-market/bame-workers-over-third-more-likely-be-insecure-work>

### **One in 13 ethnic minority workers are in insecure jobs, says TUC**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-40117388>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### Press Releases

#### **Code of Conduct on countering online hate speech – results of evaluation show important progress**

[http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/item-detail.cfm?item\\_id=71674](http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/item-detail.cfm?item_id=71674)

#### **OSCE/ODIHR and EU Institutions hold Joint Day of Action against Anti-Semitism and Anti-Muslim Hatred and Discrimination**

<http://www.osce.org/odihr/320471>

### New Publications

#### **Hate Crime: Causes, Motivations and Effective Interventions for Criminal Justice Social Work**

<http://www.cycj.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Hate-Crime-causes-and-motivations.pdf>

#### **Factsheet: Code of Conduct on countering illegal hate speech online: One year after**

[http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/document.cfm?doc\\_id=45032](http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/document.cfm?doc_id=45032)

#### **Understanding Anti-Semitic Hate Crimes and Addressing the Security Needs of Jewish Communities: A Practical Guide**

<https://www.osce.org/odihr/317166?download=true>

## News

### **Surge in anti-Muslim hate crime after attack**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/surge-in-anti-muslim-hate-crime-after-attack-p6bcv2wdw>

### **Anti-Islamic abuse in Edinburgh schools ‘worrying’**

<http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/education/anti-islamic-abuse-in-edinburgh-schools-worrying-1-4463857>

### **Racist Rangers fan spared jail time**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime\\_courts/15318920.Racist\\_Rangers\\_fan\\_spared\\_jail\\_time/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime_courts/15318920.Racist_Rangers_fan_spared_jail_time/)

### **Drunk chef dodges jail for sectarian abuse on Glasgow bus**

[http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/15321428.Drunk\\_chef\\_dodges\\_jail\\_for\\_sectarian\\_abuse\\_on\\_Glasgow\\_bus/](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/15321428.Drunk_chef_dodges_jail_for_sectarian_abuse_on_Glasgow_bus/)

### **LeBron James reminds us that even the rich and famous face racist hatred**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/jun/03/lebron-james-rich-famous-racist-hatred>

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## **General Election**

### **New Publications**

#### **Liberal Democrat Party Manifesto (Scotland)**

[https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/no2nuisancecalls/pages/2858/attachments/original/1496232097/Scottish\\_Manifesto\\_2017\\_web\\_version\\_pageless.pdf?1496232097](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/no2nuisancecalls/pages/2858/attachments/original/1496232097/Scottish_Manifesto_2017_web_version_pageless.pdf?1496232097)

#### **Green Party Manifesto (Scotland)**

<https://greens.scot/sites/default/files/Campaigns/General%20Election%202017/Greens%20GE%20Manifesto%202017%20for%20web.pdf>

#### **UKIP Manifesto (Scotland)**

<https://www.ukip.scot/manifesto>

#### **Labour Party Race and Faith Manifesto (UK)**

<http://www.labour.org.uk/page/-/party-documents/Race%20%26%20Faith%20Manifesto%202017.pdf>

#### **Nicola Sturgeon's election message to the Jewish community**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XfFBXInfKc>

#### **Theresa May's election message to the Jewish community**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wjzfYwP8Phw>

#### **Jeremy Corbyn's election message to the Jewish community**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvORNloF5gM>

#### **Tim Farron's election message to the Jewish community**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3MZddmpBRY>

### **News**

#### **Election 2017: Who has power over what in Scotland?**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-40015816>

#### **Lib Dems standing behind the Muslim community, says Farron**

<https://muslimnews.co.uk/news/election/exclusive-lib-dems-standing-behind-muslim-community-says-farron/>

## Election News: London Terror Attack

**London attack: General election will go ahead on 8 June, says May**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/election-2017-40148918>

**London terror attacks: Calls to postpone General Election**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/london-terror-attacks-calls-to-postpone-general-election-1-4465511>

**London Bridge attack: No legal way to delay general election, David Davis says**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/london-bridge-attack-general-election-suspend-postpone-delay-a7771791.html>

**General election campaigning suspended in Scotland after London bridge terror attack**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15327101.General\\_election\\_campaigning\\_suspended\\_in\\_Scotland\\_after\\_London\\_bridge\\_terror\\_attack/?ref=mrb&lp=19](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15327101.General_election_campaigning_suspended_in_Scotland_after_London_bridge_terror_attack/?ref=mrb&lp=19)

**UKIP refuse to suspend campaigning in wake of London terror attack**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15327112.UKIP\\_refuse\\_to\\_suspend\\_campaigning\\_in\\_wake\\_of\\_London\\_terror\\_attack/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15327112.UKIP_refuse_to_suspend_campaigning_in_wake_of_London_terror_attack/)

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Scottish Parliament Oral Answers

#### Terrorism Threat Level

**Tavish Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on discussions it has had with the United Kingdom Government regarding the terrorism threat level. (S5O-01060)

**Reply from the Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson):** As the First Minister indicated during her statement to Parliament on 24 May 2017, she received briefings from the national security adviser on the reason behind the decision of the joint terrorism analysis centre—JTAC—to raise the international terrorism threat level to critical. Similarly, the First Minister and I participated in meetings of COBR chaired by the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary at which the threat level was discussed.

On Saturday morning, JTAC reduced the threat level to severe, which means that an attack is highly likely. The threat level was reduced in the light of the assessment that, although there was still an on-going and dynamic investigation, there was no intelligence to continue to support an assessment that an attack was imminent.

Although the threat level has been downgraded to severe, that still means that an attack is highly likely, and we need to continue to be vigilant, but there is no intelligence that links the recent attack to any threat to Scotland.

**Tavish Scott:** Following the Manchester atrocity, a review into MI5's functions in relation to tracking terrorists was announced. Can I be assured that the Scottish Government and Police Scotland are involved in that review?

Given the importance of the European Union-wide Schengen information system, which is used by police forces across the United Kingdom, in tackling and tracking criminal and terrorist suspects across international borders, has the UK Government clarified in any way what will happen to our ability to tackle terrorist incidents if we are no longer part of that system, following Brexit?

**Reply from Michael Matheson:** I am conscious that a review of the way in which the security service has handled some of those issues is being taken forward. We continue to have good links with Police Scotland and the security services with regard to the way in which they operate in Scotland, and we will continue to feed into that process and support any review work.

In addition, once the review has been completed, we will—importantly—look at what further measures need to be taken in Scotland and at any learning that comes from the particular event to which Tavish Scott referred. I assure members that the Scottish Government, Police Scotland and other agencies will be fully debriefed on how we responded to the change in the threat level to critical.

Tavish Scott raises a very important issue in relation to the Schengen agreement. I add to what he said the benefits that we get from working with agencies such as Europol in tackling serious and organised crime and terrorism. Given that those types of incidents do not recognise any national borders, it is important that we collaborate across Europe and the wider international sector.

As a Government, we have made it clear to the UK Government that we value our current engagement and that we wish to preserve those links and the benefits that come from them. At this stage, it is unclear what the UK Government's position on the matter will be when it comes to the Brexit negotiations, which is a matter of regret.

**Anas Sarwar:** I welcome both the questions and the cabinet secretary's answers on that very important issue. As the cabinet secretary knows, people of all faiths and none mourn the victims of terrorism and face the challenge of overcoming terrorism.

Given that, in the past year, recorded incidents of Islamophobic hate crime have doubled in Scotland, will the cabinet secretary consider publishing the trends for those crimes, as has been done for other parts of the UK, as a way of helping to bring communities together to challenge religious hate and tackle terrorism head on?

**Reply from Michael Matheson:** Anas Sarwar raises a very important issue. Security measures are only one part of the solution in tackling those issues. We also have a responsibility to ensure that we do everything possible to tackle any form of violent extremism and those who wish to peddle hate crimes in our communities.

We have well-established links with communities across the country that Police Scotland and other agencies use to tackle hate crime, including Islamophobia. I can give Anas Sarwar an assurance that we will look at whether we can put in place any further measures in order to make sure that we continue to tackle that. Alongside that, we will provide information in the public domain to give people an understanding of the extent and scale of it.

In my engagement with Police Scotland and other agencies over the past couple of days it has been encouraging to hear that there has been no particular increase in the reporting of hate crime in Scotland. However, I have sought assurances from Police Scotland and other agencies that they will continue to monitor that in the days and weeks ahead, and ensure that if there are any indications of an increase in hate crime appropriate measures are taken to address it quickly.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10985&i=100397#ScotParlOR>

## Press Releases

### Statement on London terror attack

<https://news.gov.scot/speeches-and-briefings/statement-on-london-terror-attack>

### First Minister's Ramadan message

<https://firstminister.gov.scot/first-ministers-ramadan-message-3/>

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## Other UK Parliament and Government

### Press Releases

**PM statement following London terror attack: 4 June 2017**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-statement-following-london-terror-attack-4-june-2017>

**Home Secretary statement: London Bridge attack**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-secretary-statement-london-bridge-attack>

**UK to observe a minute's silence for victims of the London terrorist attack**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-observe-a-minutes-silence-for-victims-of-the-london-terrorist-attack>

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## Other News

**Black and Asian children enjoy reading more than white kids, survey finds**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/06/01/black-asian-children-enjoy-reading-white-kids-survey-finds/>

**Iftar: Muslims share favourite memories of ending their daily ramadan fast**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/food-and-drink/iftar-muslims-ramadan-2017-daily-fast-end-meal-sunset-holy-islam-what-is-it-a7764701.html>

### Other News: London Terror Attack

**Scotland urged to be vigilant after London terror attacks**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scotland-urged-to-be-vigilant-after-london-terror-attacks-1-4465583>

**'Things need to change': Theresa May's statement in full**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/things-need-to-change-theresa-may-s-statement-in-full-1-4465538>

**London attack: Theresa May says 'enough is enough' after seven killed**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/jun/04/london-attack-theresa-may-says-enough-is-enough-after-seven-killed>

**Theresa May calls for an end to 'tolerance' of extremism after London Bridge terror attack**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/theresa-may-calls-for-an-end-to-tolerance-of-extremism-after-london-bridge-terror-attack-9zrh2hrb>

**Theresa May says 'enough is enough' in wake of London Bridge terror attack as she confirms General Election will go ahead**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/06/04/theresa-may-says-enough-enough-fight-against-terror-confirms/>

**Theresa May calls on internet companies to eradicate 'safe spaces' for extremism in wake of London Bridge terror attack**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/06/04/theresa-may-calls-internet-companies-eradicate-safe-spaces-extremism/>

**London Attacks: Statement by European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker**  
[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_STATEMENT-17-1540\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-17-1540_en.htm)

**Statement by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the London attack**  
<http://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/tatement-by-the-secretary-general-on-the-london-attack>

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## **Bills in Progress** \*\* new or updated this week

### **Scottish Parliament**

#### **\*\* Domestic Abuse Bill**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/103883.aspx>

Finance and Constitution Committee evidence session on the Financial Memorandum to the Bill  
<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10982&i=100373#ScotParlOR>

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## **Consultations** \*\* new or updated this week

**Caste in Great Britain and Equality Law** (closing date 18 July 2017)  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/caste-in-great-britain-and-equality-law-a-public-consultation>

**Recommendation on Promoting social inclusion and shared values through formal and non-formal learning** (closing date 11 August 2017)  
[http://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/social-inclusion-shared-values-learning\\_en#documents](http://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/social-inclusion-shared-values-learning_en#documents)

**Social Enterprise Census 2017** (no closing date given)  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SECensus2017>

**Here to Stay? Young Eastern Europeans' experiences of life in the UK** (no closing date given)  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/heretostayproject>

**Hate Crime and Prejudice Scotland Mapping Exercise** (no closing date given)  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BJPT5PL>

**Police Scotland: Your view counts** (open all year)  
<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation>

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## **Job Opportunities**

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## Funding Opportunities

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### **Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017**

*No set closing date – applications will be accepted until the fund has been fully allocated*  
BEMIS Scotland in collaboration with the Scottish Government is delighted to continue the themed years programme and invite multicultural communities across Scotland to join the celebration of the 2017 Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology and the 2017/18 Scottish Winter Festivals.

This programme will enable Scotland's ethnic and cultural minority communities to participate in and enhance the dynamic celebrations which are taking place across Scotland.

Constituted charitable and non-profit organisations and community groups can apply for grants of between £250 and £1,000 to stage an event to tell the story of their community's history and heritage in Scotland using 'intangible cultural heritage' – for example: language, music, song, dance or storytelling.

**For more information see**

<https://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/yhha-grant-guidelines.pdf>

**For an application form see**

<https://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/yhha-application-form.docx>

### **Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellowships: Migration – Living Well Together**

**Closing date: 19 September 2017**

Applications are welcome for projects focused on strengthening cohesion and communication, tackling isolation and supporting communities to live harmoniously together and realise their economic potential. For information see

<http://www.wcmt.org.uk/categories/migration-living-well-together>

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## Events, Conferences, and Training

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### **Unaccompanied Minors: Law, Policy and Practice: Protection**

6 June 2017 in Edinburgh (10-4.30)

Royal Society of Edinburgh workshop to explore the needs and concerns of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y9g4z9of>

**\*\* This week!**

### **New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees**

7 June 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine why people might need to flee their own country, how they seek asylum in the UK and what opportunities they have for rebuilding their lives here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8> or contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

### **Domestic Abuse and BME Women, Children, and Young People**

12 June 2017 in Edinburgh (9.00-4.30) and

13 June 2017 in Edinburgh 9.00-12.00)

Shakti training to include definitions of domestic abuse; how domestic abuse affects women and families from BME communities, and BME children and young people; the concept of 'honour' and how it affects BME women experiencing domestic abuse; forced marriage; and immigration issues including entitlement to support. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/yb69e4h2>

### **Working together to end FGM in Scotland**

15 June 2017 in Edinburgh (9.30-4.00)

Waverley Care seminar to raise awareness of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Scotland and hear from community campaigners and local service providers about what progress has been made in tackling FGM, and what needs to happen to positively move forward. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/lmhke3u>

### **\*\* Legal perspectives on human trafficking in Scotland – is the law working as it should?**

19 June 2017 in Glasgow (4.00-7.00)

Experts in asylum, immigration and criminal law discuss responses to human trafficking, and how to develop interventions which support trafficking victims. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/yaachlj6>

### **\*\* Refugee Festival Scotland**

20 June to 2 July

The full calendar of events is available at

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/events](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events)

### **Unaccompanied Minors: Law, Policy and Practice: Integration**

23 June 2017 in Edinburgh (10.00-4.00)

Royal Society of Edinburgh workshop to explore the needs and concerns of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y9qcvq38>

### **\*\* My Journey: From a Refugee to a Member of the Scottish Society**

24 June 2017 in Glasgow (5.00)

Scottish International Youth event with speakers sharing their unique experiences from their journey to Scotland as refugees, the various challenges encountered during their journey, how they were overcome, and organisations that assisted them in the course of becoming settled in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y7z2rgh8>

### **\*\* 1 Day Without Us: A human-centred immigration policy for Scotland?**

26 June 2017 in Dumfries (6.30-8.30)

Public discussion on what principles should govern Scottish immigration policy, and whether Scotland should have a human-centred immigration policy. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y7lajp85>

### **\*\* Connect with the UK Parliament - how can people get their voices heard at the UK Parliament?**

30 June 2017 in Glasgow (2.00-4.00)

UK Parliament interactive workshop to find out how you can take forward the issues you care about, and get your voice heard. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/ycpzzmu2>

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## **Useful Links**

**Scottish Parliament** <http://www.parliament.scot/>

**Scottish Government** <http://www.gov.scot/>

**UK Parliament** <http://www.parliament.uk/>

**GovUK (links to UK Government Departments)** <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

**UK Government Honours system** <https://www.gov.uk/honours/overview>

**European Parliament** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/>

**One Scotland** <http://onescotland.org/>

**Scottish Refugee Council** <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk>

**Interfaith Scotland** <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/>

**Equality and Human Rights Commission** <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>

**Equality Advisory Support Service** <http://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com>

**Scottish Human Rights Commission** <http://scottishhumanrights.com/>

**ACAS** [www.acas.org.uk](http://www.acas.org.uk)

**SCVO** <http://www.scvo.org.uk/>

**Volunteer Development Scotland** <http://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

**Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)** <http://www.oscr.org.uk/>

**Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS)** [www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services](http://www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services)

**Disclosure Scotland** <https://www.mygov.scot/working-jobs/finding-a-job/disclosure/>

**BBC News** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

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